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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Hiroki KANNO et al.
 Title: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE
 PROCESSING METHOD
 Appl. No.: 09/314,172
 Appl. Filing Date: May 19, 1999
 Examiner: J. Pokrzywa
 Art Unit: 2622

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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 Commissioner for Patents
 PO Box 1450
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:** (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

☒ Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on November 26, 2003.

☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on __ but not considered.

☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on __.

☐ Other __.

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b. Enclosed are:

- ☐ Amendment/Reply.
- ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ Form PTO-1449 with copies of ___ listed reference(s).
- ☐ Other .

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ___ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$770.00	= \$770.00
Total Claims:	7	- 20	= 0	x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independents	1	- 3	= 0	x \$86.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$290.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$770.00

- ☒ Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	1	\$110.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$420.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,480.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,010.00		\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$110.00
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:			- \$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$110.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$880.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:			\$880.00

[] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$000.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

[X] A check in the amount of \$880.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

December 24, 2003

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